GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
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STATUTORY PAYMENT TO EMPLOYEES OF PSUS
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Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that one lakh twenty thousand employees of Public Sector Undertakings viz. Jessop, Burn Standard, Cycle Corporation and Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd. are not evengetting their statutory payment for the last six months despite of an assurance of the Finance Minister on the floor of the House on the 28th July,2000;

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to release the payment to the said employees;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) how long the employees are likely to be deprived of their statutory dues?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) to (d): The employees of Rehabilitation Industries Corporation Ltd.

(RIC) and Cycle Corporation(CCIL) have been paid salaries and wages uptothe month of March, 2000. In the case of Jessop, salary and wages have been paid upto July, 2000. The employees of Loss making Refractory Units of Burn Standard (LRUs) have been paid salary and wages upto May, 2000 and payment of salary/wages is regular in the remaining Units of Burn Standard.
Payment of statutory dues including the payment of salary and wages is primarily the liability of the companies and is related to generation of funds from its working. However, Government extends financial assistance to the companies for meeting their ways and means position to the extent possible within the budgetary constraints. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs.5.37 crore has been released by the Government for payment of salaries and wages to the employees of Jessop, CCIL and RICBharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. has given advance to Burn Standard for payment of salary/wages to LRUs..

The Chief Executives of these PSUs have been advised to give firstpriority to payment of wages and salaries and other retiral benefits of employees.